

## ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Karen Finch Vice Commodore: Gary Whitney

Secretary: Matt Richard

November 2015



## From the Helm

Karen Finch, Commodore

### The dredge is coming!

After years of planning and lots of hard work by many members, our new dredge will be headed to Portland soon. It is scheduled to arrive at Schooner Creek the morning of November 3rd. RCYC members will be there to meet it and, barring any bad weather, they will bring the new dredge home that day. In the following days, DSC staff will be training some RCYC folks on dredge operations. These RCYC folks will then be able to train other operators at a later date. On Saturday, November 7th, the new dredge will be put through its flow testing. Plans are under way for a Club event in the afternoon and/or evening of November 7th to celebrate the dredge's arrival. Time and details are yet to be determined so be watching your email and plan on coming by on the 7th to see our new investment.

I'm pleased to announce that at our October meeting, the Board appointed Brooke Annotti as the RCYC Daughter of Neptune for 2016. Congratulations Brooke!

Finally, our weather could turn nasty any time now. If you haven't already winterized your boat, do it now! Make sure your mooring lines are in good condition and that you have snubbers in place. Protect your investment.

East Dock Cruise – another fun time on the river!







## **Financial Matters**

ludy Oxborrow, Treasurer

Every quarter there are a multitude of adjustments done on billings – changes in moorage or dry moorage, ice sales, changes in membership status, new members added, etc. And, every so often, an adjustment slips through the cracks for one billing but is caught for the next billing. So, to help everyone understand their billings better, here is a summary by membership category of what your billing should and could include. Any changes made within two weeks of the new billing being issued (i.e., after March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15) may not appear until the next quarter as billings could already be in process. And, if during the quarter, your boat is moved from one walk to another, you could have both credits and debits for moorage.

Membership		Additional Items That Might	
Category	Items on All Billings	Also Be Billed	
Active Members	□ Dues (\$25.00)		Moorage (Based on Walk Assignment)
	□ Activities (\$15.00)		Electricity (Based on Walk Assignment)
	□ Capital Improvement (\$85.00)		Ice (at rate of \$1.00 per bag)
	□ Loan Fund (\$139.50)		Dry Moorage (\$75.00)
	□ Dredge Fund (\$15.00)		Second Moorage (Based on Walk
	NOTE: New members with initial billings will have a credit to be		assignment)
	applied.		Second Electricity (based on Walk
	These members pay one quarter of dues/fees with their application.		assignment)
	Beginning with applications received and processed as of October 1, 2015 or later, this credit amounts to \$322.50.		
Life Members	□ Activities (\$15.00)		Moorage (Based on Walk Assignment)
	□ Capital Improvement (\$85.00)		Electricity (Based on Walk Assignment)
	□ Loan Fund (\$139.50)		Ice (at rate of \$1.00 per bag)
	□ Dredge Fund (\$15.00)		Dry Moorage (\$75.00)
	NOTE: Life Members pay no dues, but all other fees/assessments.		
Inactive	□ Dues (\$12.50)		Ice (at rate of \$1.00 per bag)
Members	□ Activities (\$7.50)		
	□ Capital Improvement (\$42.50)		
	□ Loan Fund (\$69.75)		
	□ Dredge Fund (\$7.50)		
	NOTE: Inactive Members pay half of the dues/fees/assessments. They are not entitled to have moorage or dry moorage.		
Inactive Life	□ No billings		
Members			

Work hours not completed are billed in July and January. If your billing is not paid by the end of the month in which received, an automatic late charge applies. The bookkeeping service does not have the authority to change billings or waive late charges. If you have any questions about your billing or charges applied (including late charges), please contact Judy Oxborrow, <u>judy87807@centurylink.net</u> or phone 503-652-1549.

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## **By-Laws Change**

The following is a proposed By-Laws change to be voted on by the membership at the November general meeting. The changes proposed are to Article III – Membership.

**Section I. Active Member** – No changes

**Section 2. Inactive Member** – No changes

**Section 3.** Cruising Member – Add new section as follows:

Members who have been Active Members for a period of at least five (5) consecutive years and who plan to cruise full time for at least one (I) year may, upon request and approval by the Board of Directors, become Cruising Members. Cruising Members shall be entitled to participate in Club activities, but are not entitled to vote, to hold office or to occupy moorage. Cruising members shall not be subject to work obligations. Dues, fees and assessments for a Cruising Member shall be as determined by the Board of Directors. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, a Cruising Member may return to Active Member status. When returning to Active Member status, any request for moorage shall be treated as a new moorage request and as such, will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

**Section 4. – Honorary Member** – No change in content; change in section number only.

Section 5. – Life Member – Change section number and change content to remove the word "consecutive" from the years of membership requirement in the first sentence. That sentence would now read, "Members who have been Active Members for a period of 20 years, and who have reached the age of 65 years, may upon request and approval of the Board become Life Members."

**Section 6. – Inactive Life Member** – No change in content; change section number only.





## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

It is time to look for your notice to renew your Oregon registration if you have one that expires at the end of 2015. You can renew on-line, following the instructions on the form, or do it by mail. Do not put this off. Once you get your new stickers you can apply them any time the ambient temperature is over 50 degrees, and if it's colder, a heat gun will warm up the surface.

Getting ready for winter - If you have not tied down your dock box, you need to do so - NOW. That "micro burst" of wind on October 10 was just a sample of what can occur without warning from now on.

Check your fenders and dock lines. Add chafing gear; also check your dock cleats and see if the bolts are tight. Check the bolts that hold your finger dock sections and the ones that hold your dock to the head walk. There should be few threads "proud" on both ends of those rods.

If you do not plan on sailing during the winter storm season, remove your head sail. If you leave the main sail on, be double-sure that the cover is secure. This also applies to dodgers and any other canvas.

If we get a blast of freezing weather in December or January, be sure that the raw water system portion of your engine is winterized. Even though you have the required "wreck removal and pollution abatement" clause in your insurance policy, this is NOT something you ever want to invoke.

Dredging season is fast approaching. While there are not too many high spots to shave down this season, just be aware that the "J Randall" might temporarily impede your slip access.

If your fenders are ancient, replace them before (!) they burst from storm force winds that cause them to be mashed between your hull and the dock.

If your dock lines are (a) ancient, or (b) recycled halyards, replace with new three-strand nylon. Winters vary a lot around here, from warm and boring rain to raging east winds - often within a day.

Enjoy the changing seasons, and take care of your boat.



## Vice Commodore's Report

Gary Whitney, Vice Commodore

October has been a good month at RCYC. Craig Cordon and crew put on a very tasty Old Salts Dinner. Attendance was less than last year, but the food was excellent. Thanks to all of you who helped with this event.

The fall work parties have been getting the Club in shape for the winter. Thank you to all of the members who have helped out on the work parties. The last work party is October 24th. If you still need to get your work hours covered, this would be a good opportunity. Rick Samuels is the work party chair, and he has a list of work yet to be accomplished. Work hours not performed will be billed in the January 2016 billings.

It is never too early to start thinking about next year's work hours. For 2016, being a Clubhouse or grounds steward is another good way to cover your work hours. Jas Adams would be glad to get you on the schedule for next year. We are also looking for a Photographer and someone to do Refreshments for each of the general meetings. Both of these Chair positions also earn work hours. If you want to check on your work hours or have questions, please contact me. Vice-commodore@rosecityyachtclub.org

I will try to keep an updated work hour listing for ACTIVE members on the board near the galley. Life and inactive/inactive life members (do not have a work hour obligation) will not be listed to conserve paper and ink.





## Secretary's Notes

Matt Richard, Secretary

At the October Board meeting, two prospective member families came before the Board. Libby and Robert "Bobby" Muerth have together over 25 years of boating experience. Libby is presently the Rear Commodore of the Hunter Sailing Association of Oregon and has also been active in OWSA. They're looking forward to expanding their sailing experiences and have a Hunter 280 named *Priceless*.

Eric Parker and Diane Shinner have been enjoying sailing over many years starting with youth sailing on San Francisco Bay, later lake sailing in California and more recently on the Columbia River with a year up in the San Juans. Dianne and Eric have been active with the Hunter club as well. They have a Hunter 38 named Aiya.

In addition, the Board approved the membership applications of Stan Cowles and Georgia Fehr, Scott McElroy, and Bruce Shibley. They will be sworn in at the next general meeting. The Board also approved membership changes as follows: Louise Redding to Inactive Life Member and Ely Joe and Anna Sanders to Inactive Members. The resignation of Dawn Redman was accepted.

And finally, on a sad note, Alan Bergen reported that Jim Johnsrud's father passed away. Our condolences.



## FOGHORN COPY DEADLINE: 18TH OF THE MONTH.

Please send your articles and photos to ALL Foghorn volunteers listed below:

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# **Old Salts Dinner** — Craig Cordon and his crew are keeping alive a long-standing Rose City tradition. Those who missed it missed something very special.















Well done Craig and crew!





## Nautical Reads - Historical Fiction

By Judy Oxborrow

Over the weekend of October 9-12, several RCYC couples did a land cruise to the Quileute Oceanside Resort in LaPush, WA. Our cabin had a fantastic ocean view, and we were entertained watching the waves roll in as the remnants of Hurricane Oho blew through the area. During the weekend, I was thankful we weren't out on the sea in our boat and couldn't help but think of the books I have read about shipwrecks. Several come to mind:

The Unforgiving Coast – Maritime Disasters of the Pacific Northwest by David Grover relates tales of nine maritime disasters of the 20th century and uncovers the stories behind the ships and their fates.

Sinking of the Princess Sophia – Taking the North Down With Her by Kenneth Coates tells the story of the October 24, 1918 sinking of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Princess Sophia. She was in route from Skagway, AK to Vancouver, BC with 353 persons on board when she ran aground on Vanderbilt Reef. There were no survivors, but the book relates their stories. And this is followed by a new book due out late this year, Stranded – Alaska's Worst Maritime Disaster Nearly Happened Twice by Aaron Saunders. Seventy-six years after the Princess Sophia is lost, the modern Star Princess found herself off course in the same area and the disaster nearly repeated itself. As we are planning a cruise to Alaska on the Star Princess next year, this will be a must read!!

One of the most fascinating maritime disasters books I have read was <u>Posted Missing</u> by Alan Villiers. It relates stories of lost ships posted missing by Lloyds of London and speculates on their fate. <u>Abandon Ship</u> by Hal Butler relates tales about 17 of the worst ship disasters, including the story of Daniel Foss, the lone survivor of the ship <u>Negociator</u>. He lived for five years on a small barren island, and if this sounds familiar, his story became the basis for <u>Robinson Crusoe</u>. Then there is <u>Fifty True Mysteries</u> <u>of the Sea</u> as edited by John Canning. This book has fifty tales of disappearances, derelicts, sunken and buried treasure, sabotage, phantom ships, and sea monsters. Seems like a perfect read for Halloween evening!!

As long as men and women have sailed the sea, there have been tales of shipwrecks, lost ships, and treachery. So when winter storms hit and winds wail outside, curl up by the fire with a cup of hot chocolate and read one of these tales.



## Ice and Freeze Coverage to Your Boat Policy Now?

### Inexpensive Option Good for DIYers, Winter Trailerboaters

Many boat owners think they don't have to worry about freeze damage if they live in temperate states or if they keep their boat in an indoor, heated storage area in Northern climates. But they may want to rethink that. Every year, the Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) Marine Insurance Program gets freeze damage insurance claims for boats in Southern states hit by a hard freeze, and claims for boats stored indoor in Northern states where storms took out the electrical power – which usually means no heat. So the first rule of winter storage for any boat is to winterize properly.

Even then, small winterizing mistakes like not draining all of the areas of the engine raw water system can easily destroy an engine. For that reason, BoatUS says ice and freeze coverage may also be a smart option for do-it-yourselfers who want peace of mind, or for trailer boaters who store their boat in a heated garage or travel between warm and cold states.

Typically offered as a policy "rider" to boats stored in northern climates, it's inexpensive –BoatUS offers the add-on coverage for as low as \$20. However, there is a deadline to purchase this coverage as most insurers don't offer it once temperatures get cold, usually the end of October.

BoatUS says the good news is that boats in warmer, temperate states often have this feature added to their policy automatically, but boaters should check with their insurer.

For more information on boat insurance or ice and freeze coverage, go to <a href="https://www.BoatUS.com/insurance">www.BoatUS.com/insurance</a> or call 800-283-2883.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

#### From the Rear

Ethan VanMatre, Rear Commodore

I'm writing this after a very nice October weekend. It has been shirt sleeve weather, a touch cool but very pleasant. Soon November will be here along with the fall gales and soon to be winter storms.

Like so many of you I have been working on those small projects that will get the boat ready for the coming weather.

Those first storms are the harbinger of winter snows and chilly boats. We do get out for a cruise or two in the winter; it is nice to have a diesel heater on the boat. A quiet weekend at Schwitters is a welcome break from our normal winter routine.

This missive is my penultimate column, and I find myself with a lack of inspiration. Till December then, fair sailing.

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## RCYC UPCOMING

**Events, Meetings, and Functions:** 

#### November 2015

- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 5 Private party 5:00 pm
- 7 New Dredge arrival Celebration (tentative)
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 14 Walk #3 BBQ 5:00 pm
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 16 RCYC Budget Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 21 Private Party, 3:00 pm

#### December 2015

- 4 Christmas Ships Pot Luck
- 7 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11 Private Party, 3:00 pm
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 21 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 31 New Years Eve Party

## January 2016

- Soup and Sail
- Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC. Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website: www.rosecityyachtclub.org.





#### Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Rose City Youth Sailing Society 3737 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97211

Rose City Youth Sailing Society (RCYSS) Program was created to promote and teach the sport of sailing and seamanship to the youth. In addition to teaching sailing skills, the program emphasizes sportsmanship, life skills, teamwork, and an appreciation for fair

competition among peers. Those participating and dedicated to the program will have experiences that will benefit them for a lifetime.

RCYSS has been very active this year. We have helped support our children from all ages and skills. Please provide me with feedback so we can continue to support great sailing programs in the area. We not only support individual families and children we also provide funds to keep current schools stable and able to provide quality programs and instructors. The new Columbia River site will also help the more advanced sailors have a different venue and location to practice skills and enjoy the sailing experience. WSC, and CGRA have some great videos to watch. The Opti, Laser, High School, and Collegiate racing teams go all year. There is also O'pen Bics and RS Fevas to learn to sail on.





We will be having our end of the year meeting, so please give me any feedback. And if you have any questions or concerns let me know. Please keep us in mind during your giving. You can mail checks to RCYC attention RCYSS. If it wasn't for you all, the 15 plus kids this past year may not have been able to sail. Thank you!

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Old Salts Dinner – mark it on your calendar for next year.

## A Foggy morning turns into a sunny day for the East Dock Cruise





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